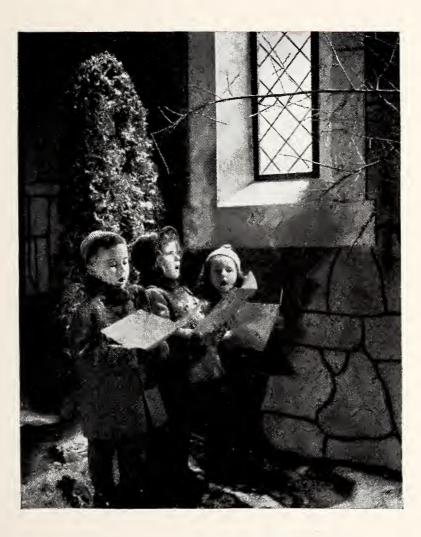
December, 1340

# Bible Vision



Joy to the World

# A Sabiour Born

"Unto you is born this day a Saviour, which is Christ, the Lord" LUKE 2:11.

I read one night the story old. (In words somewhat like these 'twas told.) An angel came to earth and spoke To shepherd men (just common folk) And said aloud, "Fear not, for lo, Great news of joy I let thee know. A Saviour's born to men this day To carry all their sin away." From out the purple dome, the sky, The angels sang and joy was nigh. I listened, yes, I heard them sing Of peace, of hope, a newborn King. Transfixed, I stood, my heart aglow In radiant rapture just to know At last a Saviour had been sent To save a heart from sinning bent. A new light sprang within my soul-I saw beyond earth's dreams my goal In Christ—in Him I found my need Supplied by life and life indeed. Eternal life sped through my soul,

—Phyllis Idle Johnson

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Reached every part and made me whole.

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# From



# The President

The staff of Bible Vision on behalf of the Bible Institute extends the season's greetings to each reader in the name of Him whose birth we celebrate.

This is the time of year when friendliness is in the air, when the warmth of home ties is rekindled, and when the whole dark, cold earth is momentarily bathed in a token glow of peace on earth, good will toward men.

But for the Christian believer this Christmas should mean vastly more. This is the year of all years to strengthen the enduring bonds of love and fellowship in Christ. The true Christian brotherhood is becoming increasingly precious and, we believe, increasingly important as the age rushes like a torrent toward its close.

We must acknowledge, first of all, the Spirit of grace who is drawing God's people together. Then, too, the times call for a united front. The lines between faith and unbelief, between rationalism supernaturalism, between loyalty and apostasy, between Christ and anti-Christ, are becoming sharply drawn. Believers are discovering the essential elements of their unity in Christ in spite of differences in minor matters of practise. The cleavage has always been there, but now it is erupting to the surface. A lot of professing Christians are having to stand up to be

counted on one side or the other.

And this kind of cleavage is wel-It is not the division of denominations, but the division between forces that are either for or against the claims and authority of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is utterly impossible to reconcile religious liberalism and orthodoxy. The difference is absolute. It is the difference between a dead, formal ecclesiasticism whose gospel is ecumenicalism (one churchism) and evangelicalism that believes in the inspired authority of the Bible, in the deity of the Lord Jesus, in the power of the blood to save, and in a Sovereign God who can and does intervene in the affairs of men.

On the one hand, the hope of the world according to leading Protestant churchmen, lies in church The first steps have been union. taken toward unification Protestant denominations in Federal Council of Churches. Stanley Jones, one time evangelist and one time missionary, is giving his first energies to promoting federal church union. And the next step of a super-world ecclesiasticism is already in the making in the World Council of Churches. In its first assembly last summer an American liberal churchman even anticipated that eventually even Roman Catholicism would be in the one fold! As if an aggregation of deadturn to page 11

# JUNGLE EVANGELISM IN GABON

By ADAH SHANK, B. I. '39

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1).

Traveling on Africa's lonely, winding, one-way, bumpy jungle roads has its occasional events of interest and opportunities. Finding a cool, shaded spot by a stream, our little family and two native boys paused for our noon lunch. The peace of the mighty jungle was refreshing. As we thus sat and enjoyed God's great hand in nature, we saw a woman walking hurriedly down the road. She was a weird sight. Her face was painted white. Her head was adorned with the skin of a wild animal and several colored feathers. A red powder was sprinkled in her hair. About her neck were pieces of vines. As she hurried along, she shook the goard which she held high in her right hand. As she approached us, we went forward to meet her.

What was the meaning of her queer dress? She was a sick woman. She had gone to the witch-doctor for help, and all this paraphernalia was the "medicine" which he had given her. She was touched by our interest in her. With eagerness she listened as we gave her the simple story of Christ, His

power to save and to heal. As we gave her the A B C's of "justification by faith," other native foottravelers stopped to join our group. How eagerly every one drank in the Good News!

Eventually the woman and others admitted that no help could come from a dead animal skin, feathers from a dead bird, or pieces of dead vine. Was she ready to accept the living Christ as her personal Saviour? Would she be willing to remove the paint from her face and cast off the articles in which she had been putting her faith for the healing of her body? There was fear of what the witch-doctor might do, but in the presence of many witnesses from her own tribe and village including her own husband, who had also joined our group of listeners, she removed the things before us. It was a precious sight as the woman stepped into the fresh stream to wash off the white coloring from her face. "Justified by faith," "the peace of God" had come into her heart. We could see it too. Only eternity will tell how turn to page 14

# Forward . . .

# with God

By PROF. O. CARL BROWN

Wm. T. Stead once made this statement: "The first chapter of Joshua has influenced my life more than any other chapter or book of the Bible." The student of this book becomes aware that unknown paths ahead, when matched by faith in God as Leader, mean progress and reward.

At the outset, we find that Joshua is charged by God: "Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them" (Joshua 1:2). There is only one way for Joshua and the people to go:

# Forward with God.

First, By Promise. See the children of Israel, after their forty years of wandering in the wilderness, now at the brink of the Jordan River. On its western banks lies the land of Canaan, promised to their fathers; and, now, to them under the new leader, Joshua. That "pleasant land" for which they are longing flows with "milk and honey" it is so fruitful. 'Though they wanted this land thirty-nine years ago, they failed to enter because their spies frightened them with reports of the "giants" who lived in Canaan. But, now, are not the giants still there? Yes, but a new generation is now willing to go forward with God by the promise they have from God:

"Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, to you have I given it. . . . There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life. . . . Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not affrighted, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee withersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:3, 5, 9) .

Many a Christian is on the brink of better things in the Lord's service, but is held back by what seems to be the impossible. If you are like that, take into your very heart the promises of God. You cannot go forward with God until you believe His promises. Jesus said in Mark 9:23, "All things are possible to him that believeth;" and again in John 16:23, "If ye shall ask anything of the Father, he will give it you in my name;" also in Mark 10:27, "All things are possible with God." If your Christian life seems hollow and fruitless, you need the Holy Spirit to infill your heart—an experience of an infilling with the Holy Spirit is your Canaan. You may say to me, "I know that I need that power of Christ in joy and blessing. But it just doesn't seem to be for me."

O hungry Christian, hear God's promise made to you on the day when He sent His Holy Spirit. Peter exhorts in Acts 2:38, 39, "Repent ye, and be baptized . . . and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For to you is the promise and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him."

You have been called unto the Lord our God? Then, the promise is unto you. Why stay on the wrong side of the Jordan when God wants you to cross over into the land of divine promise! To go forward with God in a life of power and fruitfulness in your home, and among those around you, is your inheritance—believe his promise.

# Second, Forward with God, By Possession.

It was not enough for the Israelites to believe the promise, but now they had to cross over, to enter the land, and to possess it. Time and time again God manifested His power with them by giving them victory over the inhabitants of the land. Jericho with its double walls; Ai with its trained men of war; enemies with their armies of warriors did not cause them to hesitate. They knew their God. Had He not said, "I will not fail thee," nor for-sake thee" (Joshua 1:5)! Joshua often explains it thus: "For the Lord fought for Israel" (Johua 10: 14, etc.).

You may possess the land God promises you, also, if you will let God fight for you. He is the One who gives the victory. You may have a problem that demands an immediate decision. Seek God for the solution and make that decision in God's way. You may have lost your closest loved-one, but put your trust in Christ, who can by His Spirit make your life a blessing and a help to others in sorrow and in



need. Every battle, when matched by faith in God, who fights for us, will mean victory and a closer walk with Him.

# Third, Forward with God, By Perseverance.

It is one thing to go forward with God in a crisis time, for then one can turn to no one else; it is quite another thing to keep on going forward with God after the crisis is past. In the first chapter of Joshua when the command to cross Jordan to possess Canaan was before them, there was no mention of idolatry, for the people had to trust God or suffer defeat. The task was too great for them to be tempted to go in their own strength.

However, in the last chapter of the book Joshua carefully exhorts them to recall how God delivered them and preserved them. Now that their physical danger was past he knew that dangers of the soul would become stronger than ever. Thus, in his farewell address Joshua exhorts them to "Choose you this day whom ye will serve . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

Have you ever made a promise of God in time of suffering that you would serve Him if He spared your life? You pleaded earnestly for another chance; but, have you forgotten Him, since you are now out of such physical danger?

Claim in Him victory over impossibilities, unfulfilled goals, and slackened interest. By the grace of God, by the cleansing of the blood of Christ; by the infilling of the Holy Spirit go forward with God!

# STUDENTS TELL WHY---

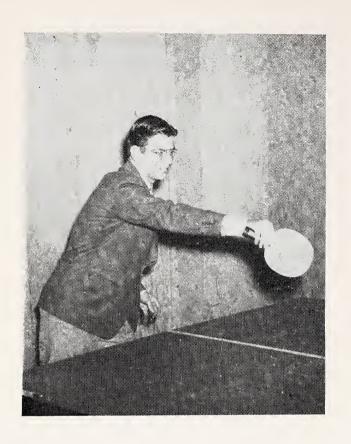
The biggest reason for my coming to the Fort Wayne Bible Institute was the Lord Jesus Christ.

During the past summer while I was attending a Missionary Convention on the Bible Institute campus, I was impressed by this wonderful insti-

# HARVEY E. ACHE



tution. I had previously planned to attend the University of West Virginia (Editor's Note: Mr. Ache had been approached with several attractive college scholarships because of his ability to play football. He had accepted the offer given by the university mentioned and was planning for an athletic career.) where I had already enrolled. At the convention I received a new glimpse of Christ and He spoke to my heart telling me that I was planning to go to the wrong school. I wanted to study Physical Education and to fill a lifelong ambition to become a football coach. The Lord spoke to my heart and I answered His call to enroll I praise His name here. for it.



## ROGER AMSTUTZ

As a student in the Fort Wayne Bible Institute, I have found a spiritual relationship among friends that is incomparable to friendships elsewhere. Each day presents new experiences in Christian fellowship and love.

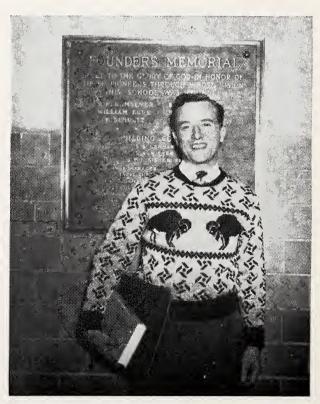
Chapel, street meetings, prayer groups, Mission Band, and many other activities are opportunities for co-operation and fellowship.

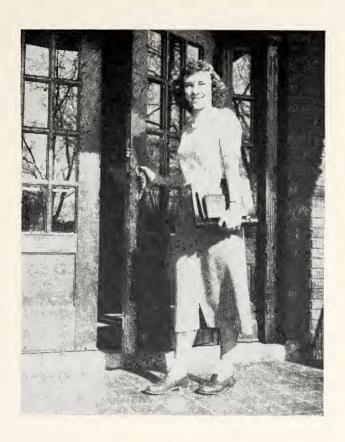
I heard God speak. Yes, I did; right here in this school building. Do you doubt me? Not once, but many times have I heard His voice

from heaven. What a privilege has been mine. What rapture fills my being to know I heard God talking. Let me tell you about it.

I remember well the first night I entered the chapel auditorium of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute. I was a visitor. My only invitation to attend had been extended via a radio program I had heard the previous Sunday: "Next Friday night the students of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute will conduct their weekly Mission Band service. The public is cordially invited to attend this service." Upon entering the auditorium this testimony cont'd on page 14

# LEROY RUSHER





### **BEVERLY MAYS**

"I'm having the time of my life." Yes, I thought I was having the time of my life when I did not yet know what a good time is. Now I have life, a new life in Christ. Now I have a good time that lasts, a satisfaction that sticks, and a peace which controls my life.

About a year ago the Lord spoke to me about going to school. I never had the courage to quit working and step out for Him. Last sum-

mer the Lord continued to deal with me, and it seemed everywhere I went the subject of preparing for full time Christian work came up in the conversation. I just had to act for I had no peace or rest until I made up my mind to let the Lord have His way.

One day I was looking in the Moody Monthly for some good Christian schools where I might go to study God's Word. The Fort Wayne Bible Institute seemed to attract my attention and although I had written to other schools the Lord seemed to lead me in this direction.

I prayed about it and I do praise and thank God for His leading and guiding.

# SHIRLEY KAMBERG





### DALE GERIG

I am thankful that I was born in America and brought up in a Christian home. I might just as well have been born a heathen, perhaps never have heard of the name of Jesus. am also thankful for home where I was taught the true way of life. It is wonderful to know that His Spirit comes to abide with our spirit, bearing witness that we are the children of God

For the past two years I have immensely enjoyed attending several musical programs and other services at the Bible Institute. Since that

time, I have been eager to further my education here, but was unable to see my way clear to attend school.

During a recent revival campaign, the evangelist, who was a former B. I. student, questioned me about my desire to attend the Bible Institute. This encouragement, along with that of my pastor, made it seem impossible to stay away any longer.

I promised the Lord that if it was His will for me to come, that I would do all in my power to make it possible. At first, it seemed hard to quit my job, but everything has worked out wonderfully to make it possible for me to be here this year.

# MARCEILLE KEPLINGER



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

ness and apostasy could ever add up to life! Ecumenicalism is as effective in meeting the present crisis as a child's pile of sand would withstand the oceantide.

Meanwhile, thank God, evangelicals are drawing together, not to form a new denomination, but to present a united testimony to the Lord who bought them with His own precious blood. And in this union of testimony and service, they are discovering the blessings and the strength of fellowship and the richness of the common core of their great faith.

This Christmas, too, a new sense of urgency grips believing Christians. The present moment of opportunity is limited, and it may be the last. What needs to be done must be done quickly. A third cataclysmic war is impending. two great camps are now choosing up sides. Only the Asiatic nations are not yet committed to either, but the awful possibility looms that the whole reservior of Asiatic humanity—one billion souls—may drawn behind the Iron Curtain.

In the presence of these portentous events, evangelicals are uniting to pray for the only alternativerevival; to fulfill their only mission -world-evangelism; to hope for the only solution—the blessed return of Christ in glory and power. One in faith, one in fellowship, one in mission, born-again believers are closing their ranks.

May our dependence be in the power of the Holy Spirit. May we renounce all faith in human schemes and efforts. Above all, let us during this time of seasonal good will among men determine to cultivate a year-in and year-out fellowship among God's people. Let us begin right with ourselves, "endeavor-

ing to keep the unity of the Spirit the bond of peace." God's promise is as good now as when it was given: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! . . . for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore." Getting down to particulars, that means putting away bickerings, faultfinding, petty and malicious gossip, and expressing the life of the Spirit in peace, forbearance, kindness, sympathy, and positive good will.

In the twilight of the Old Testament dispensation the Prophet Malachai made this significant comment of the godly remnant in his "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought on his name." And four hundred years later when the curtain sacred history rose again, there persisted a godly remnant of pious, believing souls, who heralded the Christ-child. But they were not the intelligentsia of cultured Greece, nor the princes of imperial Rome, nor the proud religious aristocrats of Jerusalem, but peasants of Nazareth, shepherds of Judea, an obscure prophetess and an prophet—these were the people who longed for the Advent and who rejoiced at His coming.

These are momentous days. 1949 may be the year of supreme crisis. God's one agent through which His redemptive purpose is accomplished is the church of Christ. It is the body, the living organism, of which Christ is the Head. May it function as one through the perfect correlation of all its parts. May His will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

# Fellowship Circle

# "NO MORE TWAIN"

Mildred Hirschy ('45) became Mrs. Calvin Bissett Friday evening, November 5, at the First Missionary Church, Berne, Indiana. Rev. Norman Hirschy ('12), uncle of the bride and pastor of the groom, officiated. Rev. and Mrs. Bissett are making their home at Canton, North Carolina, where Rev. Bissett is pastor of a Baptist Church.

Tillie Liechty and Dwight Steiner (both students in '46-'47) were married Saturday evening, November 6, at the First Mennonite Church, Berne, Indiana. The couple

is at home in Berne.

Arlene Hasford ('47-'48) became Mrs. Robert Lockhart June 27 in the Evangelical U. B. Church at Montpelier, Ohio. Mrs. Lockhart is assisting with junior church at Bryan, Ohio.

## **ARRIVED**

# via HEAVENLY AIRLINES

Pauline Marie August 2 in the home of Mr. ('39) and Mrs. Al Zahlout, Winona Lake, Indiana. Her parents have just moved to Chapman Lake, six miles from Winona, but still hold the same address, viz. Winona Lake.

Jean Louise October 4 in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Harle (both '43), Kutztown, Pa. Rev. Harle is pastor of the Fleet-wood Missionery Church

wood Missionary Church.

Jared Lee the latter part of October in the home of Mr. ('46) and Mrs. ('45-'46) Charles McHatton, Phoenix, Arizona.

Sharon Marie October 31 in the home of Mr. ('47) and Mrs. (nee Nona Butler '45-'47) William Wiehl, Cass City, Michigan.

Barbara Ann November 1 in Chicago, Illinois. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. David B. Clark (both '43), missionaries at present home on furlough from the Dominican Republic.

John Allen November 17 in the home of Rev. ('42) and Mrs. ('41-'42) Dorland Russett of Cornwall-ville, New York.

Patricia Elaine October 3 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. (nee Evelyn Duff '44-'47) Glen Sims, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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### WELCOME HOME

To Rev. ('43) and Mrs. ('44) Dale Moser and daughter Lois Elaine, who arrived by plane in Chicago November 12 on furlough from Ecuador, South America. Just now they are staying with Rev. Moser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Moser, Berne, Indiana.

# GOD BLESS THEM

Rev. ('20) and Mrs. Jess Ringenberg, with their son Maynard, have returned to India. Their daughters, Dorothy and Marilyn, are staying in the States; Dorothy is a B. I. student. The Ringenbergs leave their farewell testimony: "Upon arrival in New York, we were informed that due to strike conditions we were to leave here Sunday evening for Halifax, Nova Scotia, from where we are to sail on the liner Mauretania, November 16th.

"We are glad to be going forth for the fourth term of service in India. It is in our Lord Jesus' Name and for His sake that we go. We believe your prayers will follow us. The church in India is in

need of revival."

### AT HOME AND ABROAD

Among those who returned to B. I. during the past month for a visit was Rev. Roger Malsbury ('38-'41) who is very actively engaged in youth work in Indianapolis. He delivered two chapel messages during his visit.

Mildred Holcomb ('47) also stopped at B. I. on her way home to Jackson, Michigan, where she will spend a few days. Mildred and Rose Olene Bower ('46), former B. I. roommates, are working together under the Rural Home Missionary Association in northern Virginia. Mildred says they are in a very beautiful spot, the Shenandoah Park area, and enjoy their ministries among the children and young people there.

Pauline L. Schmidt ('48) has enrolled at Seattle Pacific College for a two-year course leading to a B.S. degree.

Rev. Vincent Rupp ('37) has moved to Stratton, Nebraska, to become pastor of the Missionary Church there. He had been ministering in a church near Wyanet, Illinois.

Rev. Randall Rice ('35), who was pastor of the Ottawa, Ohio, Missionary Church, moved to Wyanet to fill the vacancy left by Rev. Rupp.

Rev. Charles Imler ('41) moved from Modesto, California, to Sterling, Kansas, around the 1st of November, to assume his new duties as superintendent of the mid-west district of The Missionary Church Association. Rev. Burley Clay ('44), who has been pastor of the East

Side Missionary Church in Phoenix, will take up the work at Modesto.

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# DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, W. I.

"Greetings from the 'end of the world,' as some of the people here term Dajabon. With Christ on our side we can claim certain victory through Him. We are especially grateful to those who have taken it upon themselves to pray for this field. On special occasions we were definitely aware of the fact that there were those at home praying."—Velma Goff ('45). (Velma left for the field last February.)

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### INDIA

"I came back from Darjeeling the end of June and was no sooner back until I was seized with some kind of digestive trouble. Then some throat trouble followed and I went to bed; so I lost practically two months. But I can say now that I am feeling very fine again and getting back to normal. The Lord has been very good to me, and I have everything to praise Him for."—Ethel Smith ('34).

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# ECUADOR, SOUTH AMERICA

"My heart is full of praise and gratitude to our Lord for His nearness and His presence day by day. He goes before and makes the crooked paths straight. He been exceedingly precious to me in the past few weeks, as there were duties pressing on every hand. His Word, 'As thy days, so shall thy strength be' was a great encouragement and source of strength." Mildred Wanner ('43). (Mildred left for South America just last February. She is registered a nurse.)

# JUNGLE EVANGELISM IN GABON

many really accepted Christ at that time. Many prayed, including the woman's husband.

Two months later we traveled that road again. We had a precious service in the village in which the woman lived. She with others were, in their simple way, trusting in the Lord. She testified also that God had healed her body. All in the group of listeners professed to accept Christ as their Saviour. Pray for this little nucleus of believers in a distant tribe. Being illiterate, they have no Bible. They are waiting for further light. May "peace of God" remain with them until someone answers the call to teach them in the way.

# LEROY RUSHER

which was rapidly filling with students, a feeling of conspicuousness and loneliness crept over me. This soon gave way as I became aware of a warming spiritual atmosphere.

That night I heard God speak. I have forgotten the name of the platform speaker or of just what his message consisted. It does not matter, because that night I heard God talking to me in the inner recesses of my heart. His words I shall never forget. difficult to describe my feelings as I hastened away at the conclusion of the service. I was humbled and broken. I quickly smeared away a tear. Yet I was buoyant and elated; joy filled my soul-if such emotions are experienced simultaneously. I said, "Surely the Lord is in this place. This is none other but the house of God and this is the gate of heaven!"

The next and following Fridays I entered the chapel and heard God speak. The message always seemed

to be personalized and coming direct from God. Words that were reviving, stimulating and quickening fanned the sparks of God-given desires and yearnings into burning flames of more consecrated devotion.

A year or so later, the Lord gave me the glorious opportunity to attend the Fort Wayne Bible Institute as a full time student. Each day in the midst of the burdens of the day and a busy curriculum, I go with the entire student body to the chapel hour to hear God speak. The spokesmen differ morning after morning, but all are His mouthpiece. The subjects vary, but are always His word. It is when I realize the message is not the word of man, I hear God talking.

He speaks to me, my inner self, as no man could dare or would know how to speak. He speaks in love to assure, in sympathies to help, in firm warnings to correct, in tenderness to heal. He speaks with a deep searching voice that calls for a closer walk with Him than I have ever known before.

### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

We are happy to announce that Rev. J. H. Woodward of Orange City, Iowa, will soon be located in Fort Wayne, and after January 1st will be available for special services-Bible evangelism, youth conferences, missionary conventions, Bible conferences. Until that date correspondence may be sent to his Iowa address. We commend our brother to Christian people as a man of God whose ministry has been made a rich blessing to many, especially youth, and we anticipate for him continued usefulness in his new location. As an associate of the Institute, we welcome him.

Chapel Quotes

NORMAN GRUBB

General Secretary of World-Wide Evangelization Crusade

You can't be a conqueror until you are conquered.

The claims of Jesus are absolute.

There is a sense in which every saint is eternally alone with the Eternally Alone.

The Holy Ghost brooks no rivals.

God is merciless toward sin but merciful to the sinner.

Sanctification does not exempt you from temptation. In sanctification you learn how to use your weapons.

In every revival there is brokenness—conviction, confession, and cleansing.

Jesus said, "Cast out your eye and cut off your arm." It is better to go one-eyed to heaven than two-eyed to hell.

Jesus said something must happen to you so that you will hate your best—not your worst.

The danger of the church of Christ is to smooth you off—so that you don't go too far.

It is a curse to preach that you can be justified by faith and then do what you please.

God wants the heart set on Him. He doesn't want only first place—He wants ALL.

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